

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Knox County EMA
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February 4, 2020 LEPC Meeting

Meeting Attendees:

Ray Sisk	Knox County EMA Director	Candice Richards	EMA Admin Programs Coord
Jeremy Greenman	DEP	Peter Carter	PBMC
Megan Melville	HCC Northern ME	Tim Polky	St. George Town Manager
Jerry Squiers	Fisher	Peter Beckett	Appleton Selectman (Citizen)
Katie Tarbox	MCH		

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Chair Andrew Hart. He asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of minutes: 12/2/19

- Peter Beckett made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Greenman. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Secretary's Report:

1. Emails:

12/4/19 EPA serc_terc_monthly_update December 2019 Edition; 12/12/19 New versions of CAMEOfm and Tier2 Submit are available; 12/12/19 Webinar on New Tier2 Submit Software: Tier II Reporting under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA); 12/16/19 Update on the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) amendments to EPCRA; 1/3/20 EPA SERC/TERC Monthly Update January 2020 Edition; 1/30/20 January SERC Minutes.

2. 2019 Tier 2 Reports:

The 2019 Tier 2 Submit software and Tier 2 submission package were both released in December. Reports received thus far: George C. Hall & Sons, Hannaford – Camden, Hannaford – Rockland, Knox Center for Long Term Care, O'Hara Corporation, Flint Enterprises DBA Park Street Laundry, Pen Bay Medical Center, Flagship Cinemas – Thomaston, Hampton Inn, EIC DBA Prompto 10-Minute Oil Change, Walmart, Verizon Wireless, Douglas Dynamics/Fisher Engineering, North End Composites, Rockland Landings Marina, and ME DOT Washington.

3. AR-1 Reports Received:

- None

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance	Personnel Services Expenses	Gen Operating Expenses	Expense	Revenue	Interest	Ending Balance November 30
\$2,005.36	\$311.27	\$82.86		\$0.00	\$44.27	\$1,655.50

- Peter Beckett motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Jeremy Greenman seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Training updates: *Knox County LEPC has a \$5,693.00 funding commitment for responder/facility HAZMAT/Chemical Safety related training. We freed up about \$1,000 for SERC because they had a shortfall due to some training conducted in another county.*

Dates:	Title:	Location:
May 18, 2020	Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference	Augusta Civic Center
June 10, 2020, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Rail Car Incident Response for Crude, Ethanol & Other Flammable Liquids	Topsham Fire Dept. 100 Main Street.

This year's Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference is one day again. It's at the Augusta Civic Center on May 18th. Knox County staff will be conducting a couple of the presentations. We don't know yet who the keynote speakers will be or what their topic theme will be. Transportation is available if anyone needs a ride.

The last hazmat ops class that had been scheduled we were hoping to get 20+ students but only ended up with six. A big hazmat refresher class coming up will include Waldoboro, Friendship, and Warren's fire departments. We will try to get another full class in before the end of the state fiscal year. The class is open to LEPC members. It's not a hazwoper class that some of you need to do but it's a hazmat ops course. It's 24 hours total – 3 evening classes and a full Saturday. We'll be advertizing those when they come up.

New Business:

1. Membership Updates

It was noted that Vice-Chair Robin Faulkner had left Lonza and is now working for a business in another county so she can no longer be the vice-chair. Her replacement at Lonza has not been hired yet.

There is currently still no representative at Lyman Morse after Peter Beal's departure. His replacement has already left as well so we don't know who the person is that should be on the committee.

Jeff Squires was approved at the last SERC meeting so everyone approved by the LEPC in the last few months has been approved by the SERC.

2. Approve Membership Application

— Katie Tarbox – MCH, Inc.

- Ray Sisk made a motion to approve the application for Katie Tarbox and forward it to the SERC for their approval. Peter Beckett seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor.

3. Vote on Officers for 2020 – 2021 Term

The positions that needed to be voted on for this term are the Secretary and Treasurer; however, due to Robin leaving, the vice-chair position also needs to be filled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 term.

- Ray Sisk nominated Candice Richards to be secretary. Jerry Squires seconded the nomination. A vote was taken with all in favor.
- Matt Allen nominated Ray Sisk to be treasurer. Tim Polky seconded the nomination. A vote was taken with all in favor.
- Ray Sisk nominated Peter Carter to be the vice-chair. Tim Polky seconded the nomination. A vote was taken with all in favor.

It was noted that June 2021 is our next presentation at the SERC.

4. Waldo HazMat Team

The Knox County EMA office had recently been notified that the Waldo HazMat team has been disbanded. They were a de-con strike team and supported the Knox County team but they've had the same problem as most of the RST's that are not based in career departments – keeping people interested and trained. The cost of maintaining a team is phenomenal, both in time and in cost. They couldn't sustain the team anymore so they shut it down and transferred their equipment out. Now the tech level response would be DEP and a strike team in Lincoln County. Jeremy Greenman is working with Casey Stevens in Lincoln County to stage a trailer with equipment in Knox County so we can get resources quicker. It's an issue all around the state we're running into because there aren't a lot of teams left.

Miscellaneous:

1. Steve Betts Article

Steve Betts from Village Soup had put out an article about EHS's and the Toxic Release Inventory. We were expecting more questions at EMA afterwards but there really wasn't. It's important we all learn what we can about TRI and what it means so if we get asked about it, we can give rational answers. If you look at the TRI history, most emissions have plummeted over the years, which is part of why Knox County doesn't have a HazMat team anymore. It's a fairly low risk here.

2. Next Meeting

The next regular LEPC meeting will be April 7, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Knox County EMA Office.

Adjourn:

- Andrew Hart made a motion to adjourn. Peter Beckett seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Richards
LEPC Secretary

Remaining 2020 Meeting dates: April 7, June 2, August 4, October 6, December 1